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KICKING AND SCREAMING: WOMEN’S PROTEST MOVEMENTS
IN NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH-CENTURY CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
While women have participated in many protest movements on behalf of countless causes, this seminar half-course focuses on those female protest movements whose primary goal was to better the lives of women in particular. Important acts of resistance and rebellion have generally been studied as the preserve of men, and as most often involving violence. But for women, due largely to gender expectations that governed their behavior, protest more often took other forms. This course will explore the social and economic conditions that gave rise to rebellion, with attention to issues of gender, class, ethnicity, and race, and will study movements, groups, and individuals who battled these injustices. It will also assess the achievements of these women by reconsidering the standards by which their “success” and/or “failure” have been measured. All of these examinations will consider various sociological/political theories related to the character of social/protest movements.
REQUIRED READINGS:

1. Online articles (with links) listed under the topics below.

2. Book articles listed under the topics below. Books (see titles below) are on two-hour reserve in Weldon Library. In class, I will discuss further availability.


[For a vast online collection of primary sources, see Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000: http://asp6new.alexanderstreet.com/wam2/wam2.index.map.aspx]

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Research essay (12-15): TBA 45%

Critiques (2): TBA 30%

Seminar presentation: TBA 15%

Participation: 10%

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students should be able to:

chronicle the central priorities, struggles, and achievements of some major women’s protest movements, and the ways in which they were shaped by, and influenced, various historical events and trends.

understand the ways in which issues of gender, class, ethnicity, and race intersected in women’s protest movements.
recognize the ways in which women’s protest movements were similar to and differed from those of men, with consideration of motivation, strategy, reprisal, outcome, and measures of success.

PLEASE NOTE:

During all lectures, videos, student presentations, and class breaks, the recreational use of lap-tops (web browsing, emailing, etc.), as well as the use of all wireless handheld devices (cell phones, etc.), is not permitted in the classroom. Failure to comply will adversely affect your attendance/participation mark.

REMINDER:

Students are reminded that academic accommodation on medical grounds can in most instances only be granted if supported by a University of Western Ontario Student Medical Certificate. This form can be accessed at the following website: https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_document.pdf or be picked up at the Academic Counselling Office in the student’s home faculty (For Social Science students 2105 SSC). Further details on this policy can be found at the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf

A copy of the Faculty of Social Science policy on plagiarism has been attached to this syllabus. Students who violate these guidelines can expect to incur the full weight of the penalties outlined therein. The University of Western Ontario uses software for plagiarism checking. Students may be required to submit their written work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.
SEMINAR PRESENTATION:

You will sign up for a presentation date beginning in Week 6. On your selected date, you (along with one or two others) will present one of the scheduled articles. In your presentation, address and critique your article’s thesis, main arguments, biases, and sources, and situate your article in the larger historiography. If you like, discuss your related essay topic in the context of your reading. Stimulate class discussion by asking questions and fielding comments. Feel free to incorporate audio-visual aids. You will be graded on the content of your presentation, and on your facilitation of the seminar discussion. Your presentation will last 20-25 minutes.

To facilitate the researching of your essay, the subject of your essay will coincide with the general seminar topic of your selected presentation date. Your essay (in both electronic and hard copy format) will be due in class on that same day.

Those students not presenting an article and submitting an essay on a given week will be required to do the assigned readings, participate in the seminar discussion, and write an essay critique. Select two student essays (which will be accessible on Sakai) on which you would like to write a critique (do not select an essay by a group mate). Your critique must be submitted (in hard copy) no later than one week following the submission of the essay about which it is written. Submitted critiques will not be seen by anyone other than me; they will be returned with a mark as soon as possible. Critiques should be two typed pages, be double-spaced, include a thesis statement, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the papers.
SCHEDULE:

JANUARY 8 – INTRODUCTION


JANUARY 15 – EARLY LABOUR PROTESTS AND STRIKES


http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=acls;idno=heb00463


http://invention.smithsonian.org/centerpieces/whole_cloth/u2ei/u2materials/dublin.html

Judith A. Ranta, "A true woman’s courage and hopefulness": Martha W. Tyler's A Book without a Title: or, Thrilling Events in the Life of Mira Dana (1855–56), Legacy, 21, 1 (2004): 17-33.

JANUARY 22 – SLAVERY ABOLITION

http://www.jstor.org/stable/2717236

http://www.jstor.org/stable/2928475

http://www.jstor.org/stable/4250028

JANUARY 29 – PROHIBITION AND SUFFRAGE

http://www.jstor.org/stable/1123926

http://www.jstor.org/stable/3598176

FEVERURY 5 – SOME NEW YORK STATE PROTESTS


FEVERURY 12 – SOME ONTARIO PROTESTS (WEEK 6)

www.lltjournal.ca/index.php/llt/article/download/2383/2787


FEBRUARY 19 - READING WEEK (NO CLASS)

FEBRUARY 26 - PEACE


http://www.jstor.org/stable/3787631


MARCH 5 – BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS


http://www.jstor.org/stable/4548101

**MARCH 12 – SECOND-WAVE WOMEN’S MOVEMENT**


**MARCH 19 – BODY POLITICS**


MARCH 26 – NATIVE WOMEN


APRIL 2 – VARIED VOICES AND VENUES


PLAGIARISM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

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PLAGIARISM

In writing scholarly papers, you must keep firmly in mind the need to avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism is the unacknowledged borrowing of another writer's words or ideas. Different forms of writing require different types of acknowledgement. The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of Publication and page number.

Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writer's ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'At above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source; these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.
In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

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**General Information**

If, on medical or compassionate grounds, you are unable to meet your academic responsibilities, i.e., unable to write term tests or final examinations or complete course work by the due date, you should follow the instructions listed below. You should understand that academic accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. You must demonstrate that there are compelling medical or compassionate grounds that can be documented before academic accommodation will be considered. Read the instructions carefully. In all cases, action must be taken at the earliest possible opportunity, preferably prior to the scheduled examination, test or assignment.

1. Check the course outline to see if the instructor has a policy for missed tests, examinations, late assignments or attendance. The course outline should include the preferred method of contact (e-mail, phone, etc.).
2. Inform the instructor prior to the date of the scheduled time of the test or examination or due date of the assignment. If you are unable to contact the instructor, leave a message for him/her at the department office.
3. Bring your request for accommodation to the Academic Counselling Office, Room 2105, Social Science Centre, telephone 519 661-2011 or fax 519 661-3384. Be prepared to submit documentation of your difficulties.
4. If you decide to write a test or an examination you should be prepared to accept the mark you earn. Rewriting tests or examinations or having the value of the test or examination reweighted on a retroactive basis is not permitted.

**TERM TESTS and MID-TERM EXAMS**

1. If you are unable to write a term test, inform your instructor (preferably prior to the scheduled date of the test). If the instructor is not available, leave a message for him/her at the department office.
2. Be prepared, if requested by the instructor, to provide supporting documentation (see below for information on acceptable forms or documentation). Submit your documentation to the Academic Counselling Office.
3. Make arrangements with your professor to reschedule the test.
4. The Academic Counselling Office will contact your instructor to confirm your documentation.
FINAL EXAMINATIONS

1. You require the permission of the Dean, the instructor, and the Chair of the department in question to write a special final examination.
2. If you are unable to write a final examination, contact the Academic Counselling Office in the first instance to request permission to write a special final examination and to obtain the necessary form. You must also contact your instructor at this time. If your instructor is not available, leave a message for him/her at the department office.
3. Be prepared to provide the Academic Counselling Office and your instructor with supporting documentation (see below for information on documentation).
4. You must ensure that the Special Examination form has been signed by the instructor and Department Chair and that the form is returned to the Academic Counselling Office for approval without delay.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Advise the instructor if you are having problems completing the assignment on time (prior to the due date of the assignment).
2. Submit documentation to the Academic Counselling Office.
3. If you are granted an extension, establish a due date.
4. Extensions beyond the end of classes must have the consent of the instructor, the Department Chair and Dean. A Recommendation of Incomplete form must be filled out indicating the work to be completed and the date by which it is due. This form must be signed by the student, the instructor, the Department Chair, and the Dean’s representative in the Academic Counselling Office.

SHORT ABSENCES

If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

If you are absent more than approximately two weeks or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. This must be done by the appropriate deadlines. (Refer to the Registrar’s website for official dates.) The Academic Counsellors can help you to consider the alternatives. At your request, they can also keep your instructors informed of your difficulties.

DOCUMENTATION
**Personal Illness:** If you consulted Student Health Services regarding your illness or personal problem, you should complete a Records Release Form allowing them to notify Academic Counselling (the form is available in the Academic Counselling Office, 2105). Once your documentation has been assessed, the academic counsellor will inform your instructor that academic accommodation is warranted.

- If you were seen by an off-campus doctor, obtain a certificate from his/her office at the time of your visit. The off-campus medical certificate form must be used. [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf). The doctor must provide verification of the severity of the illness for the period in question. Notes stating "For Medical Reasons" are not considered sufficient.

- **In Case of Serious Illness of a Family Member:** Obtain a medical certificate from the family member's physician.

- **In Case of a Death:** Obtain a copy of the newspaper notice, death certificate or documentation provided by the funeral director.

- **For Other Extenuating Circumstances:** If you are not sure what documentation to provide, ask an Academic Counsellor.

**Note:** Forged notes and certificates will be dealt with severely. To submit a forged document is a scholastic offense (see below) and you will be subject to academic sanctions.

**ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

- You need to know if your instructor has a policy on late penalties, missed tests, etc. This information may be included on the course outline. If not, ask your instructor.

- You should also be aware of attendance requirements in courses such as Business and English. You can be debarred from writing the final examination if your attendance is not satisfactory.

- If you are in academic difficulty, check the minimum requirements for progression in your program. If in doubt, see your Academic Counsellor.

- If you are registered in Social Science courses but registered in another faculty (e.g., Arts or Science), you should immediately consult the Academic Counselling Office in your home faculty for instructions.